

## Wayne and Rose Billings 511 Northeast 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Fort Lauderdale Victoria Park Neighborhood -- Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom District 2

The property was originally purchased in 1999 in the historic Victoria Park area. Original design was old Florida home represented by small, single-story block style design and the plumbing and drainage were still of the old era. When and Wayne and Rose became new parents they investigated the issue of mold and dry wall in their home and determined that the home needed to be completed demolished and rebuilt. The only thing salvaged on the property was the palm trees.

Wayne and Rose worked with a friend who is an architect and shared their vision of what they wanted for their home. They knew they wanted a Mediterranean look and incorporated ideas from both Spanish and Italian styles. The brought in southern Spain and Italian architectural style with red tile roof, arched windows and doorways, tile floors, stucco walls, beamed ceilings, decorative ironwork, columns, balconies, and a stair tower.

They have been living in the home for six years while developing the property. When the home was in development stages, people stopped by to see if they could buy it. Since being completed, it has drawn more attention because of the central tower stair case – the little girls on the block want to know if there is a princess inside!

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly present the WOW Award for May 2012 to Wayne and Rose Billings and thank them for enhancing their neighborhood and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

We are pleased to present Wayne and Rose with a certificate of appreciation from the City Commission and a gift certificate from Kelly's landing to celebrate the recognition.